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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS: FRASER WINS

REF: CANBERRA 8604 (NOTAL)

1. LESS THAN FOUR HOURS AFTER AUSTRALIAN EAST COAST (SYDNEY
AND MELBOURNE AREA) POLLS CLOSED, THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY'S
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GOUGH WHITLAM CONCEDED VICTORY IN AUSTRALIA'S FEDERAL ELECTIONS
TO PRIME MINISTER MALCOLM FRASER. WHITLAM HAS ANNOUNCED THAT
HE WILL NOT STAND FOR THE POSITION OF "LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION"
WHEN THE LABOR PARTY CAUCUS NEXT CONVENES. ALTHOUGH
IT IS TOO SOON YET TO PREPARE A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS
OF THE VOTE, INITIAL RETURNS INDICATE THAT THE LIBERAL/
NATIONAL COUNTRY PARTY COALITION LOST FEWER VOTES THAN

IT HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO BY MOST AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL
ANALYSTS, AND PRIME MINISTER FRASER IS ALREADY CALLING
HIS GOVERNMENT'S MARGIN OF VICTORY "THE SECOND GREATEST
IN AUSTRALIAN HISTORY."

2. ON THE BASIS OF WHITLAM'S CCNCESSION, EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS EXPEDITIOUS RELEASE OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRIME MINISTER MALCOLM FRASER
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